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SUBJECT: 26 TH WHO: NORTH KOREAN APPLICATION FOR WHO MEMBERSHIP

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1. AFTER DISCUSSING 25 PERCENT ASSESSMENT ISSUE APRIL 20 (SEPTEL), PRIMIN TOLD ME CABINET HAD THAT MORNING DECIDED GOM WOULD SUPPORT NORTH KOREAN WHO MEMBERSHIP SINCE " HUMANITARIAN" RATHER THAN " POLITICAL" ORGANIZATION INVOLVED. DR. RAM ALSO REITERATED THAT HE WOULD HAVE FOUND IT EMBARRASSING TAKE ANTI- NORTH KOREAN STAND SO SOON AFTER RECOGNITION (REFTEL), PARTICULARLY SINCE HE CLAIMED BOTH KOREAS HAD GIVEN GOM ADVANCE " NO OBJECTION" TO ESTABLISHMENT FULL RELATIONS WITH EACH.

2. TOLD PRIMIN WASHINGTON WOULD BE DISAPPOINTED. IN RESPONSE MY QUESTION, DR. RAM SAID SOUTH KOREAN DELEGATION DUE APRIL 19 NOW EXPECTED ARRIVE LATE APRIL 20. ONE ITEM THEY WISHED DISCUSS WITH GOM WAS NORTH KOREAN WHO MEMBERSHIP AND HE WOULD MAKE CLEAR CABINET POSITION.

3. COMMENT: IN LIGHT ADVENT SOUTH KOREANS AND DR. RAM' S FAVORABLE ACTION ON WHO ASSESSMENT ISSUE, I DID NOT FEEL IN POSITION PRESS HIM FURTHER.
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